UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Godowns sanctioned in Magadi Taluk to stock the Foodgrains.

Q.—15. **Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA** (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of godowns sanctioned in Magadi Taluk to stock the foodgrains purchased from the ryots.

(*b*) the number of godowns constructed so far ;

(*c*) the number of godowns yet to be constructed ;

(*d*) the reason for the delay in constructing these godowns ?

A.— **Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA** (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Four

(*b*) The work of construction not yet started.

(*c*) Four.

(*d*) Much time was taken in securing suitable sites. Further acute shortage of building materials, the non-submission of plans and estimates by the Society and untimely request for the additional grants have retarded their starting of the construction work.

Regularisation of Services of Maistries working in the Public Works Department in the State.

Q.—17. **Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA** (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Maistries working in the Public Works Department in the State ;

(*b*) whether they are aware of the repeated representations made to Government by the Maistries of the Engineering Department that they should be treated as Government servants and that they should be paid salaries as in the case of Government servants ;

(*c*) the action taken by them on the said representation ;

(*d*) the amount involved if their services are regularised ?

A.—**Sri VEERENDRA PATIL** (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) 1,465.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Maistries come under work-charged establishment. Consolidated proposals to convert a certain percentage of the workcharged staff of all categories (including Maistries) scattered all over the State are under the consideration of Government.

(*d*) About Rs. 15 lakhs as annual recurring expenditure.